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from the E-Board & Staff

GENERAL NEWS

As announced at the November 14th general meeting, our newsletter editor, Chris Scullion, resigned due to the time involved in putting together a quality newsletter. The November issue, which you received at the meeting or in the mail a few weeks ago, was the last issue he was able to produce.

At the November meeting, members Joe Souder and Tony Smolar offered to help with the production of Hardcopy. Club rules prohibit anyone under the age of eighteen from being E-Board members so we're trying the following approach; Ralph Fenner has agreed to take the E-Board position and to coordinate the efforts of Joe and Tony (and any other members who may wish to step forward and offer to help [hint]) so that full issues of Hardcopy can resume in January or February.

Help is needed in getting advertisers for each issue, maintaining a mailing list of the user groups we exchange newsletters with, production, mailing, and so on. Of course there is one thing that every member could do to help out and that is to write something for the newsletter. As of the December meeting, the contest will be over but we hope that submissions will continue to come in.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual holiday party meeting will be on Saturday December 12th at 1PM. As in the past, this meeting will be in the college cafeteria. The college has added so many walls during its expansion, that many members have had trouble getting to the cafeteria. We suggest the following route; Use the doors on the lower, street level, towards the left side of the

building. These doors are next to the automated bank teller. Go to the end of that hall and make a right. Halfway down that hall, make a 2nd right. From there you can take the elevator up one level to the cafeteria or use the stairs across from the elevator.

We will have soda and snacks for everyone and a large number of door prizes to give away (over fifty!). Also, we plan on running our annual "Christmas Buyer's Guide" slide show. This is a sort of free-for-all presentation where we show the products and members offer questions and comments.

CONTEST WINDING DOWN

Our biggest contest ever will come to a close at the December meeting. Your newsletter article must be uploaded to the BBS no later than 11:59PM on December 11th, or brought to the December 12th meeting by 3PM (on disk).

The winners will be chosen at our January meeting. Third prize, a \$50 gift certificate to Gemini, will be awarded at that time. The first and second prize winners will choose their prizes at this meeting and the prizes will be awarded at the February meeting. The first prize winner may choose either a monochrome 520ST system or a 20 meg hard drive. The second prize winner may choose between an Avatex 1200hc modem or an Avatex 1200 (non-hc) and a P:R:Connection.

Don't forget, part of the contest involves attending at least two meetings between October and December. If you missed either October or November, you must attend the party in December. (Tough contest, no?)



LIBRARY NEWS

Back in August of 1985, ABE's ACES started selling library disks by mail as a service to members who couldn't attend the monthly meetings. The service has been available ever since, but nothing has been done to promote it. Head librarian Chris Andrews asked that we remind all members of the availability of this service.

Any disk in our club's extensive public domain library is available via mail for \$4 per disk. If you order three disks at the same time, the price is only \$10. These are the same prices we charged in 1985!

Send your order indicating what disk(s) you want, along with a check payable to ABE's ACES to:

ABE's ACE's Library
P.O.Box 2830
Lehigh Valley, PA 18001

In other library news, the price of all of our library disks has been dropped to \$3 per disk. Our 8-bit disks are double sided. ST disks are in single sided format but both types of disks are filled with the best available public domain software. Many have extensive help files. At \$3 including the disk the programs come on, it's quite a value.

RESOLUTION FOR 1988

We've got plans for 1988 but we NEED YOUR HELP. If each of our one hundred and seventy-five members would offer to help with just one thing in 1988, this club would take off like a rocket! How about it? Can't you find the time to do something for the club? Need some ideas?

Here are just a few:

DEMONSTRATIONS - We have a few planned for later in the year, but we're looking for club members to demo some of the software that they use. Short demos in the 10 to 15 minute range are what we'd like to see. Perhaps that new program you received for Christmas, or maybe an old program that you still feel is the best available. We can help with videotape or slide support, handout sheets, whatever. Please contact Leon Bonam at 266-1521 for more information or call the HOTLINE at 759-3336 and leave a message.

NEWSLETTER - Write something or help with production.

LIBRARY - We lost our 8-bit librarian several months ago (another ST convert) and haven't found anyone willing to take the position. The position involves gathering public domain software and putting it together on master disk. These disks are then duplicated by John Douglas for sale at our meetings. The club supplies you with equipment and a budget for getting the programs. The programs come from pay services such as GENie, other user group libraries, anywhere useful PD files can be found. Interested? Contact Chris Andrews at 866-2459 or call the HOTLINE and leave a message.

MEETINGS - We'd love to see some new meeting formats. We've had ideas for a "BACK TO BASICS" meeting and a "BEST OF" theme. We have plans for another club flea market in June. Do you have a meeting idea you'd like to try? How about offering to coordinate one meeting? The E-Board will give you whatever support you need.

OTHER IDEAS - The floor is yours!

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